

# **MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA**

## **COMMON COUNCIL**

### **SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

#### **6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The City of Rushville Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pro Tem, Brian Sheehan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Councilman Brad Berkemeier and Makayla Herbert, Student Advisor, were not present. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Conner made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pro Tem Sheehan reported the following:

1. Mayor Pavey is attending Brownfield training in Chicago this week.
2. Mayor Pavey participated in the Booker T golf outing.
3. The previous concert featured the High Kings.
4. The Drainage Board met on the 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
5. There was a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the APC/BZA.
6. HCI had their second meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
7. Met with Thomas Miller on August 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss broad band.
8. There will be a stellar review meeting on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.
9. There will be a design meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> with Martin Riley.
10. Microsoft classes will begin September 15. All Department heads and the City Hall staff will be attending.
11. The Utility Board accepted the resignation of Tim Sheehan. Dale Gardner has been named as Sheehan's replacement.
12. The Board of Works is working on an end of term executive session to discuss repositioning of personnel.
13. Councilman Smith is working on setting up a retreat to discuss a wage study, utility rate increase phase 3, trash fee, storm water utility. Smith will email some possible dates.
14. Smith said he has been talking to the owners along Aspen Drive. They indicated that they will take care of the problem.
15. The fence for the retention pond has been installed. The electric is going in next week.
16. The Mayor is setting a meeting to discuss the design of the Princess.

17. 16<sup>th</sup> Street – We are trying to abate a drainage issue for Dr. Graham.
18. Compaction testing was done on the Farmers Market. They could only complete 3 out of 4. The parking lot portion is okay, but we are not sure about the building.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley asked Council to consider an Amendment to the Utility Salary Ordinance. Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-9. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Bridges praised the Fire Department and Police Department for their professionalism during his recent accident. He also thanked all that wished him well. He said he is healing well.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The last concert is September 19<sup>th</sup> featuring Pink Droid.
- **Marketing** – Will meet with Shelly King.
- **APC/BZA** – We are reviewing the inter-local agreement and will be scheduling a joint meeting.
- **City Center** – We are getting a better look and feel for the outside design.
- **Cherry Street Extension** –

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker informed Council that the Board of Works approved to hire Jane Sparks for the dispatch position. This will bring them back to full staff.

Tucker said discussion regarding combining City and County dispatch under one roof is on hold at this time.

The County has tentatively approved the new radio equipment.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins handed out monthly and year-to date reports.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller announced that heavy trash will be picked up the week of September 28<sup>th</sup> thru October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trash is not to be set out until the week of September 21-27.

**Animal** – Warden Moran handed out a sample of her new reporting system. She said she still needs to tweak them a bit. She informed Council that the net gun has been delivered.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Drainage Rush Mobile Home Park:** The Mayor has had discussion with Solerno regarding a forgivable loan. Waiting to hear back regarding the grant.
2. **Farm Contract** – The 20 acres on the corner was rezoned as C1. We will have to go back in for the remaining 15 acres rezone. Smith made a motion to move forward to finalize the deal with Liggets and exchange properties to finalize our part. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Property Adjacent to Merrill Magee** – No action.
4. **Waggoner Pool Study-Year-End Closeout** – Jemmy Miller is working with the Mayor to complete the list as to what can be done.
5. **BEP Walk Thru** – The bid opening has been moved to September 3<sup>rd</sup> with the award to be September 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Advanced Life Support Fees** – Chief Jenkins handed out a fee schedule and information sheet with comparison fees. Conner made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-13 approving the fee schedule. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Advertisement on “Welcome to Rushville” Banner** – It was the consensus of Council not to add other advertising at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution 2015-12 – Repayment of Electric Liquidation Funds** – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-12. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Road Pavement Program** – Miller said they have done an evaluation and scoring of the roads to determine the most urgent need for paving. They have gotten estimates on Harrison Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. Out of the four estimates, Crim was the lowest at \$71,650.00. The high estimate was \$79,000. Harrison Street scored as one of the higher areas for traffic.

Miller said they will also rent the crack sealing machine to finish Morgan and some of the streets near the hospital such as 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, Perkins, and Cherry.

He said they are also considering the use of reclamite, which is an asphalt preserving element that extends the life of new pavement for 3 – 7 years.

3. **Animal Quarantine Fees (Animal Tags)** – Moran said she would like Council to consider increasing the fee to release a quarantine animal to \$100 per day. She said she would

also suggest that they be required to have the animal vaccinated before releasing to the owner. Moran will put something together for Council's review.

**CLAIMS:** Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Sandy Fussner said there will be a job fair September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Sheehan shared a marketing advertisement flyer for Commerce Park at Rushville. Sheehan noted that this Includes Intat.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.